

## **Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, March 13th, 2017**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Ken Lewis, Bill Krause and Bob Wood. Member absent was Kathy Lock. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.*

### **2. Welcoming & Announcements**

*Mayor Ward welcomed those in attendance and thanked everyone for their support.*

### **3. Approval of the March 13th, 2017 meeting agenda**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the March 13th, 2017 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Bill Krause. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.**

### **4. Approval of the Feb. 14th, 2016 Town meeting minutes**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Bill Krause to approve the Feb 14th 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried 4-0.**

### **5. Reading of Correspondence**

*We received a notice from Delaware State Mounted Police about their 5K dash on Saturday, April 8th.*

*We received a letter from a resident concerning debris to be disposed of on Beach Plum for 2 properties. This matter is in the process of being investigated.*

*SB Water Company would like some work done to Sawyer Rd.*

### **6. Mayoral or council Updates**

**Reports:**

A. Treasurer

A Treasurers report was not available for this meeting but will be given next month.

B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator.

*Vice Mayor Krause presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniel reported that he worked 8.25 hours this month. Bob also pointed out that on January 26<sup>th</sup>, he took the Certified Flood Plain Mgr. test and passed. Having a Certified Flood Plain Mgr. for our town will be a real asset to the town. Way to go Bob.*

C Tax Collectors Report

*. There is no change from last month.*

D. Town Street Committee report

*Jimmy Dalton will get in touch with the plumber to open the bathrooms for this season. The bathrooms will reopen on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We may extend the season for the bathrooms to the middle of October.*

E. Mayoral and Council Update

*Beach Grass can be picked up on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM at the Pavilion.*

**7 Old Business**

**a) Grants**

✓ **DNREC Resiliency Grant**

*We will have another meeting in the next week or two to discuss several options with DNREC and DELDOT. Among them are High Water signs near route 1 on both entrance roads, signage at the access roads and a camera that would be tied into the current Del Dot system near the south entrance*

**USDA Wastewater Grant**

The engineering study is ongoing and we hope to have final results from that study around April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Sea Level Rise**

The one house that was approve to be raised has been reconsidered and will not move forward by the owner.

**USDA Sewer Grant**

Sussex County is still looking into the process of considering the Slaughter Beach Sewer and Water District.

**b) Beach Replenishment Committee**

At the last meeting, there was more discussion about Dune replacement.

A history shows how since 2005, replenishment has been non-existent for us. Before 2005, it also shows that there was a pretty steady history of replenishment efforts.

**8. New Business:**

**a. *Banking relationship change.***

We are slowly transferring funds from PNC to WSFS and hope the process is complete this month. The only Account still with PNC is the FEMA Account

**b. Ahmens Property**

The Ahmens Property scheduled to go to a sheriff's sale in March has been pushed back.

The sheriff's Department will inform us of a new date

**c. Council's formal response procedure**

It was agreed by all council people present that, in the future, before anyone issues any formal Slaughter Beach responses to either County, State or Federal Agencies, we should contact the other council people of record to attempt to reach a quorum for that response.

**d. Memorial VFD request for addition donation to help offset a deficit in the ambulance budget.**

A motion was made to donate \$5,000.00 to help offset a current deficit in the fire company's ambulance budget.

***Motion:*** A motion was made by Ken Lewis. The motion was seconded by Bill Krause. The ***motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

**.9 Upcoming Events**

- A. Next Town Council Meeting April 10, 2017 @ 7:00 PM.
- B. Beach Grass will be available after on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM
- C. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at the Firehouse on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$12.00 per person.
- D. On Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Dupont Nature Center will be holding a volunteer orientation from 1-3:00PM. O sign up, contact Lynne Pusey @ 302-422-1329

**13 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Lewis @ 7:47 PM and seconded by Bill Krause  
Vote was 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood  
Secretary